

## **Park and Recreation Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Hybrid Meeting**

#### In-Person PRC Attendance:

2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 715  
and

#### Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting:

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## **AGENDA**

### **Chair's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes (7:00-7:05)**

- Commission consideration of October 25, 2022 minutes

### **Public Comment (7:05-7:15)**

*\* Park and Recreation Commission public comment is open to all with a 3-minute limit per person.*

### **Presentation and Discussion on the Crystal Plaza 5 Site Plan, Proposed Public Spaces [Madhvi Shukla, JBG Smith] (7:15-7:35)**

### **EcoAction Arlington Tree Canopy Equity Presentation and Discussion [DeShay Williams, EcoAction Arlington and PRC Vice Chair, Jill Barker] (7:35-8:15)**

### **Staff Report (8:15-8:20)**

### **Commission Member Reports (8:20-8:30)**

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
  - *The new issue of the 55+ Guide is full of programs for the winter months. The winter season will kick off with festive activities from luncheons and sing-alongs to wreath making and holiday recipe demonstrations. Then we'll welcome 2023 with the Dancing Through the Decades New Year's Eve Celebration. Black History Month in February will offer a great selection of programs exploring black history*

*in our country, state, and right here in Arlington County. As not everyone in the 55+ community is retired, work will continue to add more evening and weekend programs to fit everyone's schedules. The guide contains a complete listing of these programs for the coming months. The guide will help you fulfill your New Year's resolutions with new social activities, fitness programs, learning opportunities, arts, travel and more.*

- Alcova Heights Park Renovations (Colt Gregory)
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award 2021 (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (Colt Gregory)
  - *The October meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources began with a presentation by Laura Shaub and Brett Wallace (Arl. Co. CPHD) on Guide to Landscape Standards. The guide includes requirements on tree appraisal, replacement, and recommended trees as well the surrounding regulatory framework.*
  - *The Commission then discussed topics for potential inclusion in the 2022 Year End Report and Work plan for next year.*
  
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (**Vacant**)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Barker/Gregory/Baryluk)
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (**Vacant**)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
  - *No Updates.*
  
- Plan Langston Boulevard (Shruti Kuppa)
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Shruti Kuppa/Sergio Enriquez)
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
- Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC)
  - 2500 Wilson Boulevard Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk/Shruti Kuppa)
  - Ballston Holiday Inn (Melissa Riggio/Jill Barker)
    - *The SPRC meeting on 10/24/2022 focused heavily on the vast amount of revisions that happened since the last meeting. The meeting was at an impasse however as the 4.1 had not yet been submitted, so actual edits/changes could not be firmly discussed or made. Residents from the homes nearby came to the meeting for public comment to discuss the noise impacts and other environmental impacts as well.*
    - *The big changes were that the removal of a surface parking lot (helping avoid impermeable surfaces), changes to better the walkability of the project (sidewalks, etc.), as well as improvements on plantings.*

- *Access along Fairfax drive to the Bluemont trail was a key discussion point, as well as walkability and safety given how busy the area is next to I-66. There was praise for the changes made but encouragement for making these changes even more pedestrian friendly.*
- *The biggest issue that remains to be seen is the access to I-66 and how people may illegally use the fire truck lane to get onto I-66, cutting through the residential area in front of the triplexes, causing danger for the residents who did not sign up to have a thoroughfare next to their residence. This is still under discussion.*
- *We were told there would be two more SPRCs.*
- Bingham Center/Silver Diner Site (Sarah Baryluk/Adam Rasmussen)
- Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
- Crystal Plaza 5 (Kevin Manuel)
- Fort Henry Gardens (**Vacant**)
- Joyce Motors Site – 10<sup>th</sup> and Irving (Sarah Baryluk/Shruti Kuppa)
- Macy's (Dean Foster/Melissa Riggio)
  - *The second SPRC meeting on this project was held November 7 which was an eight-month interval from the first SPRC meeting on March 24. Most of this delay was attributed to meetings and discussions between the applicant and county staff, particularly on the topic of transportation. Not all of those issues were resolved, and the county transportation commission will take those up at a later meeting. The concerns include: the left turn from Glebe Rd. into the private alley on the project, turn safety, particularly for pedestrians at intersection crossings; garage entry and potential for traffic backups and, loading issues with large trucks.*
  - *Community benefits include LEED Gold under the green building incentive, transfer of development rights for affordable housing and historic preservation along Columbia Pike and affordable housing units on-site in Ballston.*
  - *For landscaping revisions, the applicant will install additional plantings, reduce the impervious area, install vertical greenery and encourage residents to take an interest in biophilic measures, such as on the unit balconies and use of bird friendly glass and maintain the green roof.*
  - *After review by the transportation commission and the full planning commission, it is anticipated the plan will be considered by the county board at their December meeting.*
- Melwood Property (750 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South) Special GLUP Study (Kevin Manuel)
- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (**Vacant**)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Adam Rasmussen)
  - Pickleball Report: *Sport is the fastest growing sport in the country. They are looking for more dedicated spaces and courts for playing so that they do not*

have to share space with tennis and play on lined tennis courts. The current facility scheduling system does not accommodate scheduling a pickleball court on a tennis court. You must reserve the entire tennis court which means you are reserving two (2) pickleball courts even if you only need one which is wasteful. The issue of the sound produced by the racquets hitting the balls came up and DPR is considering sound abatement options for future courts.

- PSMP Report: Kenmore scheduled for artificial turf in 2025 instead of the previous date of 2030. The change was brought about largely by a lobbying effort by Arlington Soccer. Big question is will Arlington Soccer get to decide who uses the field or will DPR exercise some oversight so that it is equitably allocated to the citizens of Arlington County.
- Combatting Hate in Sports Working Group Report: No progress has been made because of lack of focus from the chair of the Sports Commission. He is considering next steps. Sports Commission is looking to add members.
- Vision Zero Action Plan Updates (Neal Hunter)
  - The Vision Zero Mid-Year Meeting with the External Stakeholders Group will be Tues, Dec 6, from 7-9PM: [Meeting link](#)
  - **Please share these three (3) VZ pilot project feedback opportunities with your organizations! Feedback forms all close on November 20:**
    - [N Oak St Walkability Pilot in Rosslyn](#): Provide your input on the protected walking path for people walking on N Oak St between Clarendon Blvd and 17th St N using temporary parking restrictions and movable barriers.
    - [Patrick Henry Dr & 18th St N School Crossing Improvements Pilot at Cardinal Elementary](#): Provide your input on the new school crossing signage, speed signage, and pavement markings (SCHOOL X-ING) on Patrick Henry Dr at the 18th St N crossing.
    - [Oakridge Elementary School Temporary Road Closure Pilot](#): Provide your input on the temporary road closure along 24th St S between S Ode St and S Nash St, installed to improve arrival and dismissal operations at Oakridge Elementary.

#### Other Business (8:30-8:35)

- Letters to the County Board
  - Crystal Plaza 5 Site Plan

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m. (Virtual Meeting Only – Microsoft Teams)**